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HENDERSON (Ky.) METH DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

OWENSBORO, KY - Blain J. Craig, age 23, of Henderson, Kentucky, pled guilty to drug trafficking, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Craig admitted that from in and about March 2006, he conspired with a co-defendant, Bradley H. Gish, and others, to possess with the intent to distribute and did distribute methamphetamine. The drugs had a street value of \$2,900.

On April 13, 2006, Craig contacted a Henderson County confidential informant to arrange to sell the informant approximately one ounce of crystal methamphetamine for \$1600.00 and agreed to meet the confidential informant at a location on Elm Street in Henderson. At approximately 9:45 that evening, Task Force officers observed as a red 1994 Oldsmobile Bravada with two male suspects, identified as Craig and Gish, pulled into the driveway on North Elm Street. The confidential informant left the residence and walked to and got into the rear passenger side of the Bravada. After getting in, he received approximately 29 grams of crystal methamphetamine from Craig. Both suspects, Craig and Gish, were arrested. Officers found approximately 17 grams of marijuana in Gish's right front pant pocket.

Gish has already pled guilty and was sentenced on June 27, 2007, to four years in prison

to be followed by six years of supervised release.

The maximum potential penalties are not more than 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 6 years; and the minimum potential penalties are not less than 5 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Audubon Area Task Force as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Craig is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on January 17, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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